

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. An information reproduction device comprising:
  - 5 a contents inputting section configured to receive contents information and license information including first information indicating whether the contents information is officially copied contents information or privately copied contents information;
  - 10 a determining section configured to determine whether the contents information is the officially copied contents information or the privately copied contents information based on the first information of the license information; and
  - 15 a reproducing section configured to reproduce the contents information based on a result of determination by said determining section.
2. The information reproduction device according to claim 1, wherein said reproducing section can reproduce the officially copied contents information under a high quality digital reproduction, a low quality digital reproduction, and an analog reproduction and cannot reproduce the privately copied contents information under the high quality digital reproduction.
- 25 3. The information reproducing device according to claim 1, wherein  
said first information includes verification information for verifying the officially copied

contents information, and

5           said determining section determines whether the contents information is the officially copied contents information or the privately copied contents information based on the verification information.

4. The information reproduction device according to claim 1, wherein

10           said license information includes utilization condition information including effective date information and effective number of times information, the utilization condition information for the privately copied contents information being restricted more than the utilization condition information for the officially copied contents information, and

15           said reproducing section reproduces the contents information based on the utilization condition information.

5. The information reproduction device according to claim 1, wherein

20           said license information is encrypted by key information generated based on information dependent on a recording medium in which the contents information is recorded.

6. The information reproduction device according to claim 1, wherein

25           said license information includes second information indicating whether the contents information

is original contents information or not,

5 said determining section determines whether the contents information is the original contents information or not based on the second information of the license information; and

10 said reproducing section reproduces the original contents information in a same manner as the officially copied contents information.

7. An information recording device comprising:

15 a contents inputting section configured to receive contents information and license information including first information indicating whether the contents information is officially copied contents information or privately copied contents information;

20 a determining section configured to determine whether the contents information is the officially copied contents information or the privately copied contents information based on the first information of the license information;

25 an updating section configured to update the license information of the officially copied contents information by changing the license information to license information indicating the privately copied contents information and including information dependent on an identifier of a predetermined recording

medium, and

25 a recording section configured to record the

contents information and the license information updated by said updating section in the predetermined recording medium.

8. The information recording device according to  
5 claim 7, wherein

    said license information includes verification information for verifying the officially copied contents information, and

10     said determining section determines whether the contents information is the officially copied contents information or the privately copied contents information based on the verification information.

9. The information recording device according to  
claim 7, wherein

15     said license information includes utilization condition information including effective date information and effective number of times information, the utilization condition information for the privately copied contents information being restricted more than  
20     the utilization condition information for the officially copied contents information.

10. An information recording device comprising:

    a contents inputting section configured to receive analog contents information which is not compressed and  
25     encrypted,

    a generating section configured to generate license information indicating privately copied

contents information and encrypting the license information by identifier information of a predetermined recording medium, and

5 a recording section configured to record the analog contents information and the license information in the predetermined recording medium.

10 11. A method of generating license information attached to encrypted digital contents information and indicating whether the digital contents information is officially copied contents information or privately copied contents information, comprising:

15 encrypting encryption key information by information dependent on a predetermined recording medium; and

20 12. performing a digital signature processing to an encrypted the encryption key information if the digital contents information is the officially copied contents information.

12. The method according to claim 11, further comprising:

25 encrypting utilization condition information including effective date information and effective number of times information by the information dependent on the predetermined recording medium.

13. An information reproduction method comprising:  
receiving contents information and license information including information indicating whether

the contents information is officially copied contents information or not;

5 determining whether the contents information is the officially copied contents information or not based on the license information; and

10 reproducing the contents information based on a result of determination by said determining, the officially copied contents information being able to be reproduced under a high quality digital reproduction, a low quality digital reproduction, and an analog reproduction and non-officially copied contents information being enable to be reproduced under the high quality digital reproduction.

14. An information copying method comprising:

15 receiving, from a first recording medium, contents information and license information indicating whether the contents information is officially copied contents information, privately copied contents information, or analog contents information and being encrypted by 20 information dependent on the first recording medium;

decrypting the license information;

25 determining whether the contents information is officially copied contents information, privately copied contents information, or analog contents information;

rewriting the license information of the officially copied contents information to license

information indicating one of the officially copied contents information, privately copied contents information, and analog contents information;

5 rewriting the license information of the privately copied contents information to license information indicating one of the privately copied contents information and analog contents information,

10 rewriting the license information of the analog contents information to license information indicating one of the officially copied contents information, privately copied contents information, and analog contents information;

15 encrypting rewritten license information by information dependent on a second recording medium; and recording a copy of received contents information and corresponding license information in the second recording medium.

15. An information selling system comprising:

20 a server configured to store digital contents information; and

25 a client configured to request the server of purchasing the digital contents information, wherein said client sends a purchase request to the server, the request including an identifier of a desired digital contents information and an identifier of a recording medium in which purchased digital contents information is to be recorded, and

said server generates a copy of the desired digital contents information, encrypts the copy by the identifier of the recording medium, and sends encrypted copy to the client.